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SUBJECT: MARIHUANA SURVEY IN JAMAICA

1. ON APRIL 26, 1977 JAMAICA MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY AND JUSTICE KEBLE MUNN AGREED TO ALLOW DEA TO CONDUCT, IN COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA, A SAMPLE AIR AND GROUND SURVEY OF THE ISLAND IN AN ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE MARIHUANA PRODUCTION LEVELS AND CAPABILITIES.

2. QIS#AERIAL AND GROUND SURVEY OF THREE PRE-SELECTED PARRISHES OF JAMAICA, ST ANN'S, ST THOMAS AND CLARENDON, WILL SERVE TO ASSIST IN DEVELOPING A CURRENT ASSESSMENT OF THE EXTENT OF MARIHUANA CULTIVATION IN JAMAICA. THE INFORMATION GAINED WILL BE THE BASIS FOR ESTIMATING TOTAL ANNUAL PRODUCTION (IN TONS) FOR THE ENTIRE ISLAND.

3. ON MAY 3, 1977 THE JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE AGREED TO PROVIDE
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ONE JDF HELICOPTER, PILOTS, FUEL AND NECESSARY SUPPORT PERSONNEL TO SUSTAIN TWO CONSECUTIVE DAYS TO OVERFLY THE THREE SELECTED PARISHES.

4. ON MAY 6, 1977, MAJOR TRNVOR MCMILLAN, JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE CONFIRMED THE GOVERNMENT OF JAMAICA'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS AERIAL/GROUND SURVEY. THE TWO DAYS SELECTED ON WHICH THE SURVEY WILL BE

TAKEN ARE MAY 11, 1977 AND MAY 12, 1977.

5. THE JAMAICA CONSTABULARY FORCE, THROUGH ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER LAWRENCE TROUGHT, HAVE BEEN CONTACTED AND HAVE AGREED TO ASSIST IN THE SURVEY. ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT LEONARD STEWART, JCF NARCOTIC SQUAD HAS BEEN DESIGNATED THE CONSTABULARY FORCE'S REPRESENTATIVE.

6. THE CANADIAN HIGH COMMISSION HAS ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST AND DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS MARIHUANA SURVEY. THE ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE (RCMP) LIAISON OFFICER IN JAMAICA, STUART SUTHERLAND WILL AVAIL HIMSELF TO ASSIST, IN ANY WAY DESIGNATED, IN THIS PROJECT.

7. THE SURVEY SCHEDULE, AS AGREED TO, WILL CONSIST OF THE JAMAICA DEFENSE FORCE HAVING AVAILABLE ONE FOUR-PASSENGER HELICOPTER WITH A JDF PILOT READY FOR OPERATIONS AT 0900 HRS ON THE TWO SELECTED DATES, MAY 11 AND MAY 12, 1977.

8. THE FOUR-PASSENGERS (PARTICIPANTS) WILL IN ALL PROBABILITY CONSIST OF ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR JAMAICA CONSTABULARY FORCE (JCF) L. STEWART, RCMP REPRESENTATIVE S. SUTHERLAND, ONE DEA AGENT AND ONE DEA PHOTOGRAPHER.
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